

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1389  
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AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 9715

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR, VM, SC, RP, CH, TW, FR, UK, MY  
SUBJECT: CLAIMS TO SPRATLY ISLANDS

REF: A. KUALA LUMPUR 8657  
B. HONG KONG 13531 (NOTAL)  
C. KUALA LUMPUR 8314  
D. STATE 255574 (NOTAL)  
E. KUALA LUMPUR 4747 (NOTAL)

1. MFA PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LOS PARAMESWARAN  
REMINDED EMBASSY LOS OFFICER DURING DEC. 19 CALL AT MFA  
ON SEPARATE MATTER OF CONTINUING GOM INTEREST IN  
RECEIVING ANY SPECIALIZED USG STUDIES ON VARIOUS CLAIMS  
TO SPRATLY ISLANDS. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR  
RECEIVING COPY OF 1976 PRIVATE WEST GERMAN ACADEMIC  
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STUDY ON PARACELS AND SPRATLYS (REF B) THAT WE HAD  
CONVEYED TO HIM EARLIER ALONG WITH CAVEAT THAT USG  
WAS IN NO WAY ASSOCIATED WITH VIEWS THEREIN. HE  
REITERATED COMMENT THAT GOM IN STUDYING CLAIMS,  
ESPECIALLY THOSE RELATING TO AMBOYNA CAY, WAS INTENT  
ON AVOIDING CONFRONTATIONS WITH ANY OF THE CLAIMANTS.  
STRONG IMPLICATION REMAINS THAT MALAYSIAN EXERCISE

IN CHARTING WATERS OFF COASTS OF SARAWAK AND SABAH  
IS TO ASSERT MALAYSIAN CLAIMS TO UNOCCUPIED ISLANDS  
WHERE COMPETING CLAIMS APPEAR EITHER WEAK OR NON-  
EXISTENT.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: WHILE CLEARLY WE SHOULD NOT  
RPT NOT GET INVOLVED IN TAKING POSITIONS ON VARIOUS  
CLAIMS, ANY HISTORICAL SURVEYS THAT MIGHT PROVIDE  
ADDITIONAL CLARITY ON SITUATION THAT WE COULD PASS  
TO MALAYSIANS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE APPRECIATED.  
WE BELIEVE CONVEYING SUCH INFORMATION TO GOM IS AP-  
PROPRIATE IN VIEW OF OUR CLOSE CONSULTATIONS ON  
LOS MATTERS. PLEASE ADVISE IF ANY SUCH STUDIES IN  
USABLE FORMAT ARE AVAILABLE.  
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